

**REMARKS**

**35 U.S.C. § 101 Claim Rejection**

By the Office Action dated May 22, 2006, the Examiner has rejected claim 1  
“because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.” (See Office  
5 Action, page 2, paragraph 2.) Claims 1-11, 13, 14, and 18-20 have been cancelled. It is  
therefore clear that remaining claims 12 and 15-17 comply with the requirements of 35  
U.S.C. § 101.

**35 U.S.C. § 102 Claim Rejections**

By the Office Action dated May 22, 2006, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 7,  
10 12, 13, 17, and 20 “under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Chang et al (Chang,  
Chin-Lung; Chen, Ding-Yi; Chuang, Tyng-Ruey; “Browsing Newsgroups with a Social  
Network Analyzer”, Proceedings of the Sixth International Conference on Information  
Visualization, 2002, 6 pages).” (See Office Action, page 3, paragraph 1.) Claims 1-11,  
13, 14, and 18-20 have been cancelled. It is therefore clear that remaining claims 12 and  
15 15-17, as amended, comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 102.

**35 U.S.C. § 103 Claim Rejections**

By the Office Action dated May 22, 2006, the Examiner has rejected claims 3-6, 8-  
11, 14-16, 18, and 19 as being unpatentable over Chang et al and various references.  
Claims 1-11, 13, 14, and 18-20 have been cancelled. It is therefore clear that remaining  
20 claims 12 and 15-17, as amended, comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 103.

**Conclusion**

It is therefore clear that claims 12 and 15-17 comply with the requirements of 35  
U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103, and 112. The application is therefore in condition for allowance.  
Early notification to that effect is respectfully solicited.

In the event that any issue remains unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 408-927-3377.

Respectfully Submitted,



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